

REMARKS

The Examiner has restricted the parent application. The Applicant has filed this divisional to pursue those claims not elected in the parent. Thus the Applicant cancels claims 1-6.

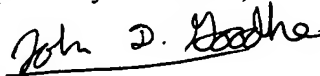
In addition, the title has been amended to reflect the elected claims, and the proper priority statement has been added.

Favorable action is respectfully requested. No fees or extensions of time are believed to be due in connection with this Preliminary Amendment; however, this paper should be considered such a request if necessary, and any deficiency in fees should be charged to Deposit Account No. 26-0084.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version with markings to show changes made."

The Examiner is respectfully urged to call the undersigned attorney at (515) 288-3667 to discuss the claims in an effort to reach a mutual agreement with respect to claim limitation in the present application if the Examiner does not find that all present claims should be allowed.

Respectfully submitted,



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**AMENDMENT — VERSION WITH MARKINGS
TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**

In the Title

Please amend the title to:

~~A METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR TANTALUM PENTOXIDE~~
MOISTURE BARRIER IN FILM RESISTORS

In The Specification

Please add the following as the first paragraph of the Specification:

PRIORITY STATEMENT

This application is a Divisional of U. S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/829,169 filed on
April 9, 2001.

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 1-6 without prejudice.